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Ptuj and the Jezava River near Smederevo will be completed soon. One branch of the Smederevo-Kovin railroad will pass over the Jezava River. A new railroad and road bridge is being built over the Morava River near Markovac, south of Velika Plana. As soon as this bridge is built, a railroad connection will be established between Markovac, Svilajnac, and Despotovac. Seven bridges are being completed between Rankovicevo, Kosovska Mitrovica, and Skoplje. The largest of these bridges are near Kosovska Mitrovica and Pusto Polje.

In December 1950, the construction of three bridges began on the Spreca River near Dobojski. They are scheduled to be completed in May 1951. A large viaduct is being built on the Breza-Vares line near Pojto Han. It will have eight piers, of which five will be over 35 meters high.

NARROW-GAUGE RAILROAD TO BE 9 KILOMETERS LONG -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 30 Jan 51

In one month or so construction will begin on a 9-kilometer narrow-gauge railroad between the Zelenikovo railroad station and the Katlanovo coal mine, which recently began operation on a large scale. The Zelenikovo railroad station is located in the center of the line which connects Skoplje with Titov Veles. The new narrow-gauge railroad will cross the Vardar River, run along the left bank, and pass Katlanovske Banje on its way to the coal mine.

TO OPEN NEW RIVER NAVIGATION LINES -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 23 Feb 51

The Directorate for Yugoslav River Navigation will soon open new lines for passenger and fast-freight traffic. The new line will include the Belgrade-Sabac passenger line and the Belgrade-Osijek and Belgrade-Stara Kanjiza freight lines. The most important line on the Danube, the Belgrade-Vukovar line, will be extended to Borovo. Soon the new Belgrade-Prahovo passenger line will be open to traffic, while the Belgrade-Becej-Senta line will be opened later. A river shuttle service will be established this year between Belgrade and Zemun. Each vessel in this service will have a capacity of 150 passengers. Ships will leave several times per hour.

SOFIA OVERPASS OPENED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 25 Dec 50

The residents of Khadzhi Dimitur district in Sofia recently celebrated the completion of the overpass at the Chavdar railroad stop. The new overpass will connect the district directly with the city center and will provide a safe and normal traffic route across the railroad line.

BULGARIA BUILDS SEVEN NEW RR LINES -- Budapest, Vilagossag, 12 Feb 51

Previously remote, neglected areas have been connected with Sofia through the completion of seven new railroad lines which were put into operation in 1950. The Dimitrovo-Sofia line was built in record time. The economically important lower Balkan railroad line is also under rapid construction and will be placed in operation by the end of 1951. Construction engineers, technicians, and workers are making extensive use of Soviet experiences in railroad construction.

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